



**ORANGE COUNTY INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION
ATHLETIC DIRECTORS WORKSHOP**

Tuesday, March 21, 2023 - 9:30 AM

MINUTES

All members present except: Mr. Mike Bellarosa, OCIAA President
Mr. John Giametta, Beacon
Mr. Bill Spanjer, Jr., Chapel Field
Mr. Bryan Wilson, Highland Falls
Mr. Rich Steger, Valley Central

Guests Present: Mr. Dennis Burkett, MHAL Coordinator
Mr. Doug Murphy, Monticello

The OCIAA Athletic Directors Workshop was called to order at 9:43 am.

1. Approval of Minutes of Last Meeting (February 14, 2023)
Motion to approve minutes made by Mr. Ryan Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. Mike Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.
2. OCIAA President's Report – Mr. Mike Bellarosa
Ms. Sue Lenzian (Washingtonville) provided the report in Mr. Bellarosa's absence.
 - a. NYSAAA Conference
The Conference took place last week and all went very well. Ms. Lenzian highly recommended all should consider attending future events. In addition to a great conference, it allows for more conversation and camaraderie with colleagues.
 - b. NYSPHSAA Item: Spectator Sportsmanship Rule for Handbook
The original proposal was changed by removing the wording "Home and Away." Ms. Lenzian explained its intention and a discussion ensued regarding the pros and cons.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Dave Coates (Middletown) and seconded by Mr. George St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
 - c. Classification Committee – Adding Members
 - i. Mr. JJ Gass (Port Jervis) is currently gathering information requested from Section IX regarding which teams Mount Academy might compete against if they are classified in Class C.
 - ii. Mr. Chris Mayo thanked Mr. Gass for a great job in following policies and procedures.
 - iii. This Committee would like to add a member from each league.
Motion to approve made by Mr. Gass (Port Jervis) and seconded by Mr. Sirico (Warwick). All in favor. Motion carried.

3. OCIAA Athletic Coordinator's Report – Mr. Christopher P. Mayo

Items of Concern:

- a. Dropped Teams – Spring
Additional dropped teams were reported at this time.
- b. Fall 2023 Schedules vote
Motion to approve made by Mr. Jasper (Monticello) and seconded by Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen). All in favor. Motion carried.
- c. Football – Mr. David Coates
 - i. Awaiting the NYSPHSAA vote in May to approve a Saturday start date in August.
 - ii. Week 0 games are up to each school to schedule. Communicate to the league office when out-of-section games are confirmed.
 - iii. Burke Catholic is looking for a Week 0 game. Please contact Mr. Adam Kless (Burke), if interested.
 - iv. Brief discussion took place regarding requiring five (5) officials assigned to a game. The Committee does not have jurisdiction to enforce this rule.
 - v. Proposals to host Championship games are currently being accepted. If your school is interested, please contact a Football Committee member.
 - vi. Be sure to review your Football schedules to confirm there are no issues.
- d. OCIAA Scholar Athlete Breakfast
Our keynote speaker, Luke Fedlam, graduated from Jeff Youngsville.
“Luke is a protector, educator and national resource for athletes at all levels and phases of their career. With nearly 20 years of experience working with athletes, he leads Porter Wright’s Sports Law practice as a non-agent sports attorney.”
- e. Tyler Muise MVP Award
Please submit your applications before the deadline of May 1, 2023.
- f. Heat Acclimatization Guidelines and Lightning Policy
These policies have been included in the materials for your reference.
- g. Next Round of Coaching Courses
 - i. Mr. Jason Semo (Cornwall) will be offering “Philosophy & Principles” course in the late spring. No summer course will be offered this year.
 - ii. Ms. Amanda (York) Zampini continues offering several classes throughout the year. Please see the most recent schedule in the materials. Also, please note, coaches cannot register for a course the day of its offering because prior prep work is required of them.
- h. Combining of Teams – Mr. Tim Bult
The following sub-varsity Combining of Teams applications between The Homestead School and Liberty CSD (host school) have been approved by the S9 COT Committee:
 - o Modified Baseball (3 students from Homestead School)
 - o Modified Softball (1 student from Homestead)
 - o Junior Varsity Baseball (1 student from Homestead)
 - o Junior Varsity Softball (2 students from Homestead)
- i. Winter Champions
The list was included in the materials. Mr. Dan Morse announced the winners and included highlights of some athletic achievements.

4. Old Business

- a. FAT (Fully Automatic Timing) was briefly discussed again. Mr. Coates (Middletown) confirmed the standpoint on each proposal in preparation for the State meeting in May, where Mr. Coates will represent the Section IX vote.
- b. Mr. Morse shared information that *Flash Timing* is now an additional vendor that provides FAT. Although *Flash Timing* does not offer as many bells and whistles as the current vendor used, it still meets all the requirements needed. Whichever system is used, certified staff needs to be trained to run the system.

5. New Business

- a. Board of NYSPHSAA Foundation
Mr. Mayo is a member of this Committee. He will send information via email as it becomes available.
Three areas of focus include:
 - 1) Officials Recruitment
 - 2) Coaches Development
 - 3) School Hardship
- b. Girls Flag Football
Mr. Sirico (Warwick) spoke about some hiccups to be expected in this new sport. The uniforms arrived in youth sizes. Please remember to be flexible with the officials this year, as it is a learning curve for all of us. There was a Rules Interpretation meeting scheduled for tonight, March 21. Both Chairpeople, Mr. Sirico and Mr. Rich Silverstein, requested the meeting link, so they could attend as well.
- c. Cheerleading Safety
Mr. Sirico (Warwick) shared some concerns he was asked to present regarding safety being challenged. A brief discussion ensued. Ms. Patti Archiere, Cheer Chairperson, will be hosting a post-season meeting regarding ideas and concerns.
- d. Officials
A discussion took place regarding the number of officials available for the Spring season. There are some areas that will be difficult to cover, but the Regional Office will do their best in covering the games, while abiding by the Officials Contract. Just a reminder, PE teachers can officiate a scrimmage at the Modified level.
- e. Goshen Transportation
Mr. St. Lawrence (Goshen) shared his concerns about limitations he is anticipating in his district this spring. We anticipate other schools may have some issues as well, so please remember to be flexible in possible time changes.
- f. Unified Basketball
Mr. Silverstein (Kingston) stated Unified Basketball begins on April 11. Tomorrow, March 22, the Coaches meeting will be held at 3 pm.

6. Next Athletic Directors Workshop – Tuesday, April 18, 2023, at 9:30 am @ Orange-Ulster BOCES Carl Onken Center Room B/C

An email has been sent regarding a *date change* for May's Athletic Directors Workshop. It has been changed from May 18 to **Monday, May 15**, due to a scheduling conflict.

Section IX Meeting – Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:30 am
on Zoom link

7. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Chris Hodge (Newburgh) and seconded by Mr. Gillespie (Pine Bush). All in favor. Motion carried.